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THE SITUATION OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN IS CHARACTERIZED MORE AND MORE BY THOSE COMPLEMENTARY NEEDS WHICH HAVE EMERGED SUBSEQUENT TO THE INITIAL PHASE OF THEIR INSTALLATION THERE.

THEIR MEANS OF SUBSISTANCE CONTINUE TO DEPEND ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM BY THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT OR BY BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL EXTERNAL AID.

..... GIVEN THAT A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION ALLOWING THE
..... REINTEGRATION OF THE REFUGEES IN THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
..... REMAINS A SCANT PERSPECTIVE, THE PRIORITIES FOR
..... EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE MUST BE ORIENTED TOWARDS THE
..... PERSPECTIVE FOR CONSOLIDATION, COMPARED TO THE
..... PRECEDING PHASE.

..... IN ORDER TO COPE WITH SUCH SITUATIONS, THE 1984 BUDGET
..... OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES INCLUDES A NEW ARTICLE 936.
..... THIS ARTICLE IS INTENDED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
..... SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN A
..... PHASE FOLLOWING THE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY. SINCE 1978,
..... THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS RECEIVED SOME
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..... 2,900,000 REFUGEES, OF WHOM ALMOST 80 PERCENT ARE
..... LIVING IN THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE.

..... THE COMMUNITY HAS SO FAR MADE A LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO
..... THE SURVIVAL OF REFUGEE POPULATIONS THROUGH THE
..... IMPLEMENTATION OF A POLICY OF HUMANITARIAN AID,
..... DIRECTED BOTH THROUGH SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL AID
..... AGENCIES (UNHCR, RED CROSS, ETC.) AND THROUGH
..... NON-GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. UNDER ARTICLE 936, THE
..... COMMISSION HAS ALREADY APPROVED ACTIONS AIMED AT
..... IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITIONS IN CAMPS
..... SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF BALUCHISTAN.

THE PRESENT PROJECT, FORMING PART OF A PROGRAM OF
MICRO-ACTIONS IDENTIFIED, AND IN SOME CASES ALREADY
IMPLEMENTED BY THE UNHCR, IS DIRECTED ESSENTIALLY
TOWARDS TWO ACTIONS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING
SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD PRODUCTION.
THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF 2 MICRO-PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT
OF REFUGEES IN THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE IN THE
FOLLOWING SECTORS:

A) KITCHEN GARDENS

30,000 FAMILIES (210,000 PERSONS APPROXIMATELY) WILL

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E ASSISTED TO SET UP KITCHEN GARDENS TO PRODUCE PART OF
-HEIR NUTRITIONAL NEEDS. THEY WILL BE SUPPLIED FREE OF
COST WITH SIMPLE TOOLS, SEEDS, INSECTICIDE AND
FERTILIZER. LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS WILL BE PROVIDED
FOR THE PROJECT. SITES WILL BE SELECTED IN RELATION TO
AVAILABILITY OF WATER. THEY WILL BE, IN GENERAL, IN
VILLAGES NEAR TO PESHAWAR, MARDAN, ABBOTTABAD,
MALAKAND, BUNER, DIZ-SUD, BAJAUR, KOHAT AND HANGU

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....B) POULTRY BREEDING

....BASED ON PILOT PROJECTS ALREADY CONDUCTED BY HCR IN THE
....REGION, IT IS PROPOSED TO INITIATE 10,000 MORE
....FAMILIES INTO POULTRY BREEDING TO PRODUCE EGGS FOR THE
....FAMILY DIET AND TO INTRODUCE A SMALL CASH TRADE AMONG
....REFUGEE GROUPS. END TEXT BARRACLOUGH

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